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For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE SALE OF AIRLINE-SPECIFIED FLIGHT TICKETS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-143 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following claims:

144. A system comprising:

a memory device having embodied therein information relating to a plurality of airline flights;

a processor in communication with said memory device, said processor configured to:

receive a booking for an airline ticket for a traveler to a specified destination location from a specified departure location at a discount fare associated with said airline ticket, said booking not specifying an airline carrier;

examine a plurality of flights to determine which of said plurality of flights to select for said booking;

select one of the plurality of flights; and thereafter